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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Area	2,249 acres
Population	13,790
Rateable Value (at 1st April, 1947)	£19,803
Sum represented by Penny Rate (year 1946-47)	£389

Social Conditions.—There has been no change in the conditions of the town, and there is still a grave need for more houses in the town.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Population ... 13,790

	M.	F.	Total
Live Births—Legitimate ...	113	109	222
Illegitimate ...	5	6	11
Total ...	118	115	233
Still Births—Legitimate ...	0	1	1
Illegitimate ...	3	1	4
Total ...	3	2	5
Deaths from all causes ...	71	75	149
Deaths of Infants under 1 year:			
Legitimate	1	0	1
Illegitimate	1	0	1
Total ...	2	0	2
Deaths from Diarrhoea under 2 year of age	0	0	0

	Urban District		England and Wales
Live Birth rate	16·1	per 1,000 of population. Comparison	17·9
Still Birth rate	0·36	per 1,000 of population. ,,	0·42
Death Rate— All Causes	10·8	per 1,000 of population. ,,	10·8
Infants under 1 year	13·4	per 1,000 live births. ,,	34·0
Death rate under 2 years from Diarrhoea and Enteritis, etc.	0	per 1,000 live births. ,,	3·3

Analysis of deaths from all causes.

	Male	Female	Total
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers ...	—	—	—
Cerebro Spinal Fever	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System ...	—	3	3
Other forms of Tuberculosis ...	—	1	1
Syphilitic Diseases	1	—	1
Influenza	2	1	3
Measles	—	—	—
Acute Polio-Myelitis and Polio-Encephalitis	—	—	—
Acute Infective Encephalitis	—	—	—
Cancer of Mouth, Oesophagus (M) ...	2	—	2
Cancer of Uterus (F)	—	—	—
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum ...	3	3	6
Cancer of Breast	—	2	2
Cancer of all other sites	12	5	17
Diabetes	1	—	1
Intracranial Vascular Lesions	5	8	13
Heart Diseases	20	32	52
Other Diseases of Circulatory System ...	5	2	7
Bronchitis	3	3	6
Pneumonia	3	3	6
Other Respiratory Diseases	1	—	1
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	2	—	2
Diarrhoea, under 2 years	—	—	—
Appendicitis	—	1	1
Other Digestive Diseases	—	2	2
Nephritis	—	1	1
Puerperal and Post Abortive Sepsis ...	—	—	—
Other Maternal causes	—	—	—
Premature Birth	1	—	1
Congenital Malformation, Birth Injuries and Infantile Diseases	1	1	2
Suicide	2	3	5
Road Traffic Accidents	1	—	1
Other Violent Causes	—	—	—
All Other Causes	4	7	11
TOTALS	71	78	149

SANITARY CONDITIONS OF AREA.

WATER SUPPLY.—There has been no change in the water supply; the amount has been always sufficient and the quality good.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.—The sewage works coped successfully throughout the year, the effluent being satisfactory. The Council's Consulting Engineers have prepared a scheme of reorganisation, and it is hoped that permission will be obtained for starting soon.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Age Group	Scarlet Fever		Measles		Acute Poliomyelitis	
	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	3	2	—	—
3	3	—	—	2	—	—
5	3	10	1	1	—	—
10	2	5	—	—	—	—
15	—	1	—	—	1	—
25	—	1	—	—	—	—
TOTALS ...	8	17	4	5	1	—

Age Group	Acute Pneumonia		Cerebro-Spinal Fever	
	M	F	M	F
0	—	—	—	—
5	—	—	—	—
15	—	—	—	—
45	—	—	1	—
65	—	1	—	—
TOTALS ...	—	1	1	—

HOUSING.

The following particulars relate to housing which took place during the year ended 31st December, 1947 :—

BY LOCAL AUTHORITY.

	Accommodation Provided.	*Families Housed.*	*Total number of persons.*
(a) Traditional houses	59	59	215
Bungalows for aged persons ...	6	6	10
Conversion of house into flats ...	2	2	7
TOTALS ...	67	67	232
Changes of tenancy	31	31	126

(b) Houses erected by private enterprise :

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

The slaughter of animals has been carried out at two slaughterhouses in the town, which have functioned under the Ministry of Food.

All animals, together with their carcases and offals, have been inspected, and full details relating to meat inspection at the slaughterhouses are given in the following tables.

Periodical inspections have been made of all places where food is prepared, and advice given regarding the measures necessary to protect food against infection and contamination.

The number of animals slaughtered and inspected at the Ministry of Food slaughterhouses during the year was as follows :—

Cattle (excluding cows)	1,104
Cows	1,148
Calves	5,171
Sheep and Lambs	3,303
Pigs	105
Total number ...	10,831

The following amounts of meat (excluding chilled or frozen meat) were condemned during the year, for the reasons stated, as unfit for human consumption :—

Generalised Tuberculosis.	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
62 Beef Carcases and Whole Organs	18	4	0	3
4 Calf Carcases and Whole Organs		3	1	11
2 Pig Carcases and Whole Organs		2	2	20
Total Weight	18	10	0	6

Localised Tuberculosis.	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Beef (part carcases and organs)	14	5	2	26
Pigs (part carcases and organs)		4	1	26
Calves (part carcases and organs)			1	25
Total Weight	14	10	2	21

	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Total Weight of Meat affected with Generalised or Localised Tuberculosis condemned as unfit for human consumption	33	0	2	27

Other Diseases — Whole Carcases.	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
17 Beef Carcases and Whole Organs	3	11	3	3
9 Pig Carcases and Whole Organs		12	2	4
4 Sheep Carcases and Whole Organs		2	2	13
18 Calf Carcases and Whole Organs		9	3	15
Total Weight	4	16	3	7

Other Diseases — Part Carcases or Organs.

	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Beef (part carcases or organs)	8	0	3	25
Pigs (part carcases or organs)		3	2	16
Sheep (part carcases or organs)		9	0	18
Calves (part carcases or organs)		1	3	26
Total Weight	8	15	3	1

	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Total Weight of Meat affected with Disease other than Tuberculosis condemned as unfit for human consumption	13	12	2	8

In addition, the following amounts of chilled or frozen meat and other foods were condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption :—

Frozen or Chilled Meat.

		Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Beef	Decomposing or affected with bone taint ...	18	1	8½
Mutton			3	0
	Total Weight	19	0	8½

Other Foods.

	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Ozs.
Total Weight of Other Foods condemned ...	1	18	2	21	1¾

Summary.

	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Ozs.
Total Weight of Meat (other than Frozen or Chilled Meat) condemned for Tuberculosis ...	33	0	2	27	0
Total Weight of Meat (other than Frozen or Chilled Meat) condemned for diseases other than Tuberculosis	13	12	2	8	0
Total Weight of Frozen or Chilled Meat Condemned		19	0	8	8
Total Weight of Meat condemned ...	47	12	1	15	8
Total Weight of Other Foods condemned ...	1	18	2	21	1¾

	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Ozs.
Total Weight of all Meat and Other Foods condemned during the year ...	49	11	0	8	9¾

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of Inspections (4)	Number of Written notices (5)	Number of Occupiers prosecuted (6)	M/c line No. (7)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	19	10	—	—	1
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	2	89	21	1	—	2
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	3	2	4	—	—	3
TOTAL		110	35	1	—	

2.—Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number of cases in which defects were found: Found (3)	Remedied (4)	Referred: To H.M. Inspector (5)	Referred: By H.M. Inspector (6)	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (7)	M/c line No. (8)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	4	—	—	—	—	—	4
Overcrowding (S.2)	5	—	—	—	—	—	5
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	6	—	—	—	—	—	6
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	7	1	1	—	—	—	7
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	8	—	—	—	—	—	8
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) (*a*) insufficient	9	1	—	—	1	—	9
(*b*) unsuitable or defective	10	4	1	—	3	—	10
(*c*) not separate for sexes	11	1	—	—	1	—	11
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	12	—	—	—	—	—	12
TOTAL	60	7	2	—	5	—	60

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